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SUBJECT: LIBYAN-CAE RELATIONS

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1. LIBYAN-CAE RELATIONS HAVE COME DOWN FROM THE UNREALISTIC "HIGH" OF THE QADDAFI VISIT. WE INCREASINGLY HEAR REPORTS OF PROBLEMS OF ONE SORT OR ANOTHER IN THE RELATIONSHIP.

2. LITTLE IS HEARD TODAY OF THE MANY PROJECTS ANNOUNCED WHEN QADDAFI VISITED BANGUI OCTOBER 17-20. THERE HAS BEEN NO FURTHER PUBLICITY ABOUT THE JOINT COMPANIES, AND WE UNDERSTAND THAT AT LEAST ONE OF THEM--THE PROPOSED AIRLINE--HAS BEEN PRETTY MUCH DROPPED. THE LIBYAN EDUCATION MINISTER VISITED BANGUI EARLIER THIS WEEK, SAW EMPEROR BOKASSA, CUT HIS VISIT SHORT AND LEFT "VERY ANGRY" ACCORDING TO LIBYAN OFFICIALS. THESE SAME LIBYANS REPORT SERIOUS PROBLEMS IN PROPAGATION OF ISLAM HERE, WHICH WAS ONE OF QADDAFI'S MAIN OBJECTIVES. WE HAVE NOTED ALSO THAT READINGS FROM THE KORAN AND ARABIC MUSIC ARE NO LONGER HEARD ON THE RADIO.

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3. IN THE AUDIENCE GRANTED THE GERMAN AMBASSADOR THIS WEEK,

EMPEROR BOKASSA AGAIN MENTIONED HIS DETERMINATION THAT THE CAE NOT BE A BASE FOR LIBYAN ACTIVITIES AGAINST NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES. BOKASSA REPORTEDLY ALSO SAID HE HAD WARNED THE LIBYANS NOT TO INTERVENE IN THE CAE'S INTERNAL AFFAIRS. HE APPEARED GENUINELY CONCERNED ABOUT LIBYAN ACTIVITIES ON THIS SCORE.

4. HOWEVER, BOKASSA ALSO PROUDLY ANNOUNCED TO THE GERMAN AMBASSADOR THE ARRIVAL OF LIBYAN ARMS FOR HIS SECURITY FORCES. WE DO NOT HAVE INFORMATION ABOUT THE EXTENT OF THIS DONATION, BUT WE BELIEVE THAT THE SHIPMENT WAS SMALL ENOUGH TO BE CONTAINED IN TWO JEEPS.
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